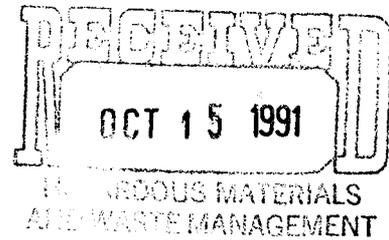




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Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed two copies each of the draft Category 1 and 2 Ecology Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for threatened, endangered and other special status species at the Rocky Flats Plant. The Category 1 SOP is the identification and reporting of threatened and endangered and species of special concern, while protection of threatened and endangered and special concern species is the Category 2 SOP. These SOPs are in response to letters from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, to the U.S. Department of Energy Rocky Flats Office dated August 30, 1991 and September 17, 1991. They apply to all activities conducted at the Rocky Flats Plant including those activities identified in the January 22, 1991, Interagency Agreement.

Please note that the Endangered Species Act Section 7(a) consultation requirement is incorrectly referred to as Section 7(c) consultation in locations 5.2.3, 5.3.13 and Attachment 1 of the Category 1 SOP and Attachment 1 of the Category 2 SOP.

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding the draft SOPs, you may contact Bruce Thatcher of my staff at 966-3532.

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